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# Arkansas Gazette? Long Distance—

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Memo the the editor of the Arkansas Gazette: Brace yourself for another phone call from Martha Mitchell.

Mrs Mitchell, wife of the Attorney General, said yesterday that she "is seriously considering" placing another telephone call to the Gazette and dressing them down for their opposition to the tentative candidacy of Herschel H. Friday, Little Rock, Ark. lawyer, for the U.S. Supreme Court.

"I could just kill the Gazette," said Mrs.Mitchell as she took her place at the head table as guest of honor at the luncheon-fashion show of the District of Columbia Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution at the Shoreham Hotel.

"I am now trying to make up my mind whether to call them—and just what will be the right time—to tell them what I think of them for not backing the first man ever to be considered for the Supreme Court from Arkansas," she said.

Mrs. Mitchell4s middle of the night phone calls first made headlines in April, 1970 when she telephoned the Arkansas Gazette to demand that they "crucify" Sen. J. William Fulbright, the Democratic Senator from her home state. She was furious because Fulbright voted against confirming Judge G. Harrold Carswell for the Supreme Court.

"The Gazette ought to be backing Friday in the best interest of our state," said Mrs.Mitchell. "They ought to be considering the good of Arkansas before anything else.

"Friday is an excellent choice, and he is young John and I know him well. I think he will get a spot on the Court unless there is a lot of opposition from the unions fighting us."

Mrs. Mitchell said she wants to see a woman on the court, too.

"But there is no qualified woman to be appointed from Arkansas," she said.

She spoke of the relevancy of the DAR in the modern world.

"The DAR is needed more than ever today," she said.

She has been a member of the DAR all her adult life. She first came to Washington as a page at the annual DAR Congress at Constitution Hall when she was a young girl.Later after her marriage, she organized the first DAR Chapter in Darien, Conn.

Mrs. Spiro T. Agnew, wife of the Vice President, who had helped organize the fashion show luncheon for the D.C. DAR, sent a telegram from Greece saying how sorry she was not to be able to attend the luncheon.